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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF W	ZEST PERRY	Civil Action No.
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-against-		
ADMIRAL INDEMNITY COMI	PANY Gendant.	

## **DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S SUR-REPLY**

In accordance with the Court's October 1, 2014 Order, Defendant Admiral Indemnity Company ("Admiral") respectfully submits this Response to Plaintiff's Sur-Reply in Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff argues that Admiral has made a misstatement of Plaintiff's argument "for the first time in Admiral's reply memorandum of law filed on September 19, 2014. Dkt. No. 35." (Pl. Sur-Reply at 1.) In prior briefing submitted in connection with both Admiral's and Plaintiff's motions, Admiral has already made clear that the central flaw in Plaintiff's interpretation of the "Other Insurance" clause is that it does not properly account for the language "in excess of the maximum limit" in the "Other Insurance" clause and that, under its interpretation, Admiral's coverage might attach below the NFIP limit, leading to potential different exposures. (See Admiral Br. in Support of Mot. for Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 21), at 17; Admiral Opp. Br. to Plaintiff's Mot. for Partial Summary Judgment (Dkt. No. 26), at 14; Admiral Reply Br. (Dkt. No. 35) at 6.) Further, Plaintiff does not discuss the logical extension of how its flawed interpretation would apply had West Perry decided not to purchase NFIP coverage, which Admiral discussed at length in the briefing cited above. Plaintiff

has had ample opportunity to address these arguments, and the recitation of its position in the

Sur-Reply is nothing more than a meaningless reiteration of prior arguments.

Similarly, Plaintiff's argument regarding the use of the term "property" in the "Other

Insurance" clause is another reiteration of a prior argument, which was already addressed in

Admiral's reply brief. (See Admiral Reply Br. (Dkt. No. 35) at 5.)

As to Plaintiff's final point, Admiral never "suggest[ed]" that it would "consult the

uniform NFIP coverage form to determine what would have been covered had there been no

NFIP policy in place." (Pl. Sur-Reply at 2.) Admiral merely stated that it may not fully accept

Harleysville's or the Insured's determination of coverage under a policy that is indisputably in

effect, i.e., the reasoning underlying such determination. Certainly, Admiral did not state that it

would conduct an item-by-item coverage analysis using generic forms in the absence of an NFIP

policy in effect before issuing a policy to an insured.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Admiral respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order (i)

granting (i) Admiral's motion for partial summary judgment dismissing Count I of Plaintiff's

Complaint, (ii) Admiral's motion for a declaration regarding Admiral's Third and Fourth

Affirmative Defenses; and (iii) such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing **Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Sur-Reply** has been served upon the attorneys listed by electronic court filing system.

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